

From the ACCRA Cost of Living Index (COLI)
Fourth Quarter 2005
Comparison of Eight of the Largest Texas Cities/Metropolitan Areas

Texas (Cities) Metro/Urban Area	100 % Composite Index	13 % Grocery Items	29% Housing	10% Utilities	9% Transportation	4% Healthcare	35% Miscellaneous Goods & Services
Austin-Round Rock, TX (Metro)	97.6	93.0	92.2	92.6	101.3	105.4	103.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur TX (Metro)	90.2	91.0	74.5	102.6	94.2	96.6	97.7
Corpus Christi, TX (Metro)	88.3	79.0	79.1	100.1	94.9	90.9	93.9
Dallas-Plano- Irving, TX (Metro)	93.7	94.7	79.2	108.1	103.0	101.8	97.8
Ft. Worth- Arlington, TX (Metro)	89.8	93.9	77.7	98.7	96.2	101.4	92.7
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX (Metro)	89.0	84.8	75.2	101.5	99.5	99.1	94.5
Killeen-Temple-Ft. Hood TX (Metro)	89.4	82.5	80.2	95.4	97.5	94.4	95.2
San Antonio, TX (Metro)	91.1	80.8	89.6	75.8	89.5	101.6	99.9

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National Average for 298 Urban Areas = 100
(Comparing the Houston, Texas 100% Composite Index to the 1 – 10th Ranked Most Expensive Urban Areas)

RANKING	URBAN AREAS	COL INDEX (100% COMPOSITE)
1	New York (Manhattan) NY	204.3
2	San Francisco CA	171.4
3	Honolulu HI	163.2
4	Los Angeles – Long Beach CA	159.0
5	San Jose, CA	158.1
6	Orange County CA	156.1
7	Stamford, CT	150.6
8	San Diego CA	150.3
9	Oakland, CA	147.5
10	New York (Queens) NY	146.9
N/A	Houston –Sugar Land–Baytown TX (Metro) Houston, TX	89.0

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures differences in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top quintile. It is based on more than 50,000 prices covering 60 different items for which prices are collected quarterly by chambers of commerce, economic development organizations or university applied economic centers in each participating urban area. Small difference should not be interpreted as showing a measurable difference.

The composite index is based on six components – housing, utilities, grocery items, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services.

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